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I have resented seeing our court system miss used. Sure it is legal but is it right? I don't think it is.

This is no different from some business person using their influence to get a piece of real estate down zoned in order to drive out his competition. I feel the high tech industry should be allowed to innovate and grow and let the public decided what is best by what they choose to purchase.

Any regulation the courts will establish today will likely be irrelevant in a year or more just because there is no way any group of legislators or judges can KNOW the future. If they could they would be in a different business.

The public is watching and has a keen sense of FAIR and knows why the remaining states are holding out. Just like the guy who holds out selling his property to a developer who is assembling real estate for a project. He does it because he wants to gamble the developer will pay him the highest price for his property. Have you ever noticed when you see a large new project with one remaining old structure niche into the site? That is how those nine states holding out should find themselves. Maybe those states should be allowed to increase their state sales tax on any Microsoft products.....The buyer could buy mail order and skip them.

These states will not join the others and settle until they feel they would get less. Right now their bottom side is covered and they only stand to appear as heroes if they get more for their state. That is a miss use of the courts.

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